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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 07/02/2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 24-26, 28, and 30-33 are pending in the

application; that claims 24, 26, and 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by the patent to Richter (3026651); that claims 24, 31-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by the patent to Richter, although the reference discussed is Higson (4736551); that claims 25 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Richter; and that claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Higson. Applicant, by this Amendment, cancels claims 27 and 29, amends claim 24, and adds new claim 34, all in accordance with the Examiner's indications.